

The Melaka Sultanate Palace/Muzium Budaya

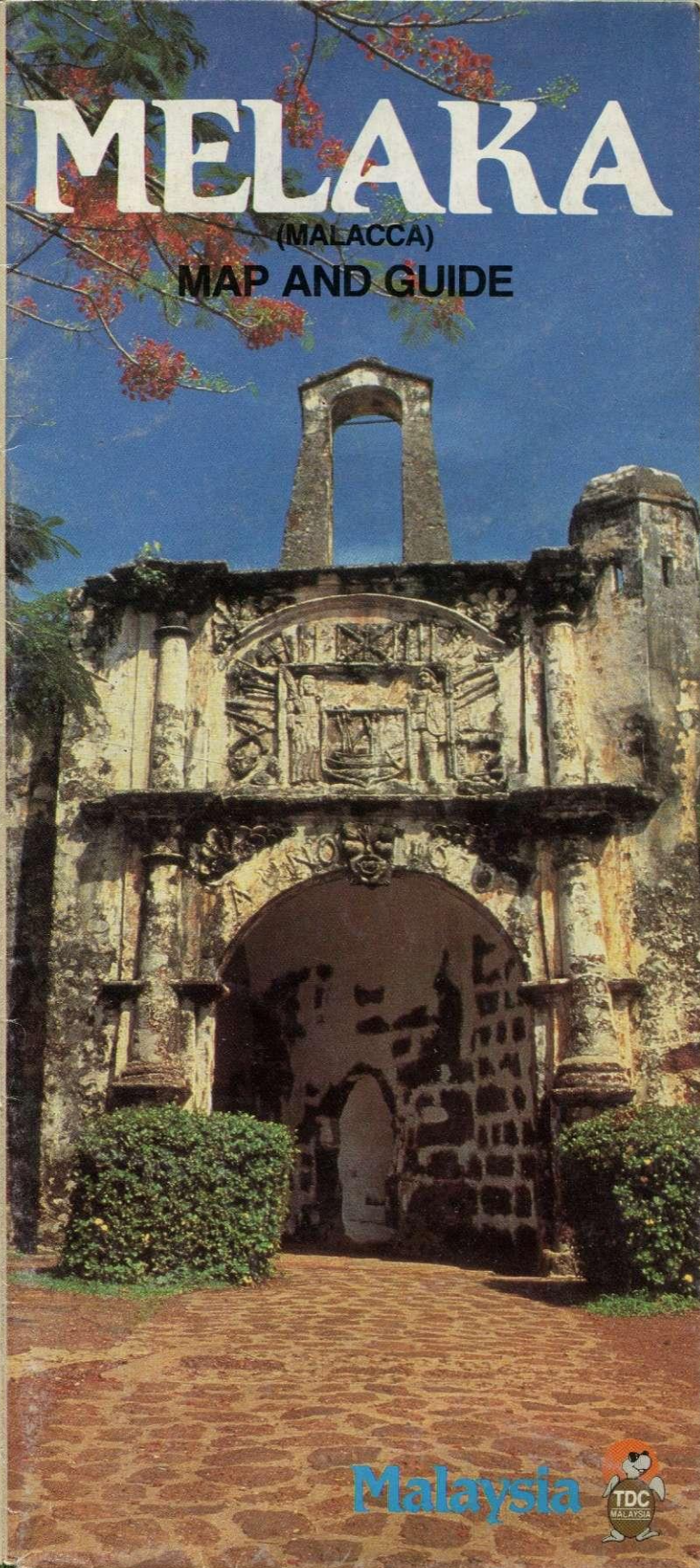


Traditional Melaka House

# MELAKA

(MALACCA)

## MAP AND GUIDE



Malaysia





# MELAKA – A LEGACY OF HISTORY AND CHARM

Melaka is located on the Western Coast of Peninsular Malaysia facing the Straits of Malacca, about 147 kilometers from Kuala Lumpur and 245 kilometers from Singapore. Melaka is actually found sandwiched between the states of Negeri Sembilan and Johor. It can be reached by excellent roads from Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Internally it is serviced by a very good network of roads leading to all the historical places of interest. It covers an area of 658 square kilometers and is divided into three districts namely Alor Gajah, Melaka Tengah and Jasin.

581 years ago, a refugee prince called Parameswara sought sanctuary in a humble fishing village and decreed that a city be built where he stood. He named it Melaka from the Melaka tree.

Melaka rose to become a prosperous and powerful nerve centre of trade between the East and the West, and eventually became an empire. Here, gold, silk, tea, opium, tobacco, perfumes and countless other items from nearby countries and from as far away as Europe and South America changed ships.

The fame of this celebrated city spread far and wide and attracted conquerors who coveted monopoly of the spice trade.

And so, the Portuguese, the Dutch and the English in their turns, took control of the empire until Malaysia obtained her independence in 1957 and Melaka was handed over to its first local Governor. Each rule left its mark behind and today this charming town, shed of its former pomp and sovereignty is filled with relics too big to be housed by any museum. Every street, every monument tells its own story of conquest and valour, avarice and victory.

Stop awhile in Melaka and listen hard. You might just be able to hear the pounding of cannons and war cries at the A Famosa or the babble of foreign tongues raised high in the market place in Melaka where it all began.

## SHOPPING

### WHERE TO SHOP

Shopping in Melaka is a unique experience for everyone. The main shopping area is filled with a variety of goods ranging from huge stores to colourful busy bazaars with unbeatable bargains.

Prices at shopping complexes are fixed but bargaining is welcomed at smaller retail shops and roadside stalls. The bigger shopping centres can be found in Jalan Munshi Abdullah, Jalan Bunga Raya, Jalan Hang Tuah and Jalan Bendahara.

## TRANSPORT

### TAXIS

Taxis are comfortable and quick; during the day they will be metered but between the hours of 12.00 midnight and 6.00 a.m. an additional 50% of the normal rate will be charged.

Taxis can also be requested by phone (No. 223630) from the taxi rank. If you request a taxi from the rank, the fare will be double.

A taxi from Melaka will take you to Muar for a reasonable fare of \$3.50 per person (\$14 per taxi), to Tampin for \$2.80 per person, to Kuala Lumpur for \$13 per person (\$60 per taxi) to Johor Bahru for \$17.00 per person (\$68 per taxi) and to Alor Gajah \$2.00 per person.

Taxis can also be chartered at Batu Berendam Airport and Melaka Town.

### EXPRESS BUS SERVICES

Routes	Tel No.	Fare
1. Melaka – Kuala Lumpur Jebat Express	06-222503 06-220886	*M\$6.50 M\$5.50, *\$6.50
2. Melaka – Seremban Syarikat Labu Sendayan Express	06-220687	M\$2.85, *\$3.40
3. Melaka – Port Dickson – Klang Barat Express	06-249937	M\$3.20 (P.D.) M\$6.00 (Banting) M\$7.20 (Klang) M\$7.45 (Klang)
4. Melaka – Ipoh – Butterworth Ekspres Nasional	06-220687	*M\$13.00 (Ipoh) M\$17.50 (Taiping) M\$21.40 (Butterworth)
5. Melaka – Kuala Terengganu/ Kota Bahru Bumi Express	06-248959	M\$19.00, *M\$23.00 (K.T.) M\$25.00, *M\$29.00 (K.B.)
6. Melaka – Ipoh – Lumut Murni Express	06-249126	*M\$14.50 (Ipoh) M\$18.50 (Lumut)
7. Melaka – Kuantan – Temerloh Cepat Express	06-249126	M\$11.00 (Kuantan) M\$ 5.00 (Segamat)
8. Tanjong Keramat Express	06-220687	M\$10.95, *\$13.00 (Kuantan) M\$6.50, *\$7.80 (Temerloh) M\$3.40, *\$4.00 (Bahau)
9. Melaka – Johor Bahru/Singapore Melaka – Singapore Express	06-224470	M\$8.00, *\$10.00 (J.B.) M\$ 8.50, *\$11.00 (Singapore)
10. Melaka – Tampin Melaka – Muar Tampin – Muar M.C.W. Express	06-229956	M\$1.60, *\$2.10 M\$1.80, *\$2.30 M\$3.30, *\$3.80 *Air-Con

### RAIL TRAVEL

Melaka doesn't have a train station, but visitors wishing to travel by train can do so by going to the nearest station of Tampin which



is just 38 km north of Melaka. Tourists are advised to check with the Railway offices, for schedules and fares at the following places:-  
 Melaka Railway Office – Tel. No. 06-223091  
 Tampin Railway Station – Tel. No. 06-411034

### TRISHAWS

Once a common method of transportation, the trishaw – a bicycle with a side car – is now more popular with tourists. These trishaws offer the visitor a novel way to explore parts of the city.

### FERRY SERVICE

Now you can travel in style on the first, fast passenger service from Melaka to Dumai, Sumatra.

You can leave from the passenger terminal at Melaka harbour at 10 a.m. on Thursday and arrive in Dumai four hours later feeling relaxed and refreshed. The ferry will return on Saturday and reach Melaka at 2 p.m.

Reservations can be made through Madai Shipping Sdn. Bhd., 320, Jalan Kilang, Tel: 06-240671.

Another adventurous trip is to the beautiful island of Pulau Besar located in the Straits of Malacca and 3 miles off the mainland.

A boat service operates from Umbai Jetty to the island daily. It costs approximately M\$4 per person and if you charter the boat for less than 6 persons it will cost you M\$35, to and fro and M\$40 for 7 persons and above to a maximum of 12 persons. Tickets are available at Umbai Jetty.



The Bullock Cart

### The Bullock Cart Ride

For just \$1.00 you may take a ride on this unique form of transportation around the Padang Pahlawan.

### AIR

Melaka has a small airport which can cater to small aircrafts. It is situated at Batu Berendam which is 9.5 km from town. At the present moment there is a weekly flight service on every Friday between Melaka and Pekan Baru, Sumatra, Indonesia.

	Departure	Fare
Pekan Baru – Melaka	11.00 a.m.	M\$145.00 (one way)
Melaka – Pekan Baru	1.00 p.m.	M\$290.00 (return)

For reservations of air ticket please contact:-

Malacca Oriental Travel  
 Atlas Travel  
 Pelancongan Kota Melaka

Tel: 06-224877  
 Tel: 06-220777  
 Tel: 06-247728

## ACCOMMODATION

Melaka has a wide range of accommodation to suit the purse of every visitor. We have a number of international class hotels while smaller hotels are in abundance. Beach resorts, motels, chalets and bungalows are also available in and around Melaka town.

### CITY HOTELS

Name and Address	*Rates	Telephone	No of Rooms
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2. Ayer Keroh Country Resort, 75450 Melaka.	\$70 – \$100	06-325211 Tlx: MA 62829	47 motels 14 chalets
3. Tanjong Bidara Beach Resort, Tanjong Bidara 78300 Melaka.	\$70 – \$200	06-512201/6 Tlx: MA 62803	45 motels 15 chalets
4. Shah's Beach Resort, Bt 6 Tanjong Kling 76400 Melaka.	\$50 – \$80	06-511120/1 226202 Tlx: MA 62808	50 chalets

\* Hotel rates are subject to change without prior notice.

## EATING OUT

Melaka has a splendid array of delicious food available at exclusive restaurants as well as at colourful street stalls and coffee-shops.

"The Gluttons' Corner" along Jalan Taman, Bandar Hilir, is a favourite eating place for the local people. Here are stalls serving various Chinese, Malay and Indian dishes. Apart from these stalls, we have a wide variety of restaurants. Listed below are just a few of what we have to offer you.

### (a) Malay Food

1. Restoran Anda, 8B Jln. Hang Tuah, Melaka. Tel: 06-231984
2. Melati Lounge, Plaza Inn, Tel: 06-227959.
3. Restoran Kesidang, Ayer Keroh, Country Resort, Tel: 06-325211.
4. Mini Restaurant, Jalan Taman, Tel: 06-229413.
5. Sri Percik, 319 Jln. Kilang, Melaka.

### (b) Nyonya Food

1. Ole Sayang Restaurant, No. 192, Taman Melaka Jaya, Tel: 06-231966.
2. Nyonya Makko Restaurant, No. 123, Taman Melaka Jaya, Tel: 06-240737.

### (c) Chinese Food

1. Hiking Restaurant, 112, Taman Melaka Jaya, Tel: 06-233292.
2. Lim Tian Puan Restaurant, 251, Jalan Tun Sri Lanang, Tel: 06-222727 & 220680.
3. Long Feng Restaurant, Ramada Renaissance, Jalan Bendahara, Tel: 06-248888.
4. Village Court Chinese Restaurant, Melaka Village Resort, Ayer Keroh, Tel: 06-323600.

### (d) Portuguese Food,

1. Restoran De Lisbon, Portuguese Square, Portuguese Settlement, Tel: 06-248067.
2. Restoran De Portugis, Portuguese Square, Portuguese Settlement, Tel: 06-243156.
3. San Pedro Restaurant, Portuguese Settlement.

### (e) Western Food

1. Kesidang Restaurant, Air Keroh Country Resort, Tel: 06-325211
2. Summerfield's, Ramada Renaissance, Jalan Bendahara, Tel: 06-248888.
3. Trading Post, Melaka Village Resort, Ayer Keroh, Tel: 06-323600.
4. Garden Cafe, Plaza Inn, Jalan Munshi Abdullah, Tel: 06-227959.



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1. Ramada Renaissance Jalan Bendahara, 75100 Melaka.	\$130 - \$140 \$350 - \$1,500	06-248888 Tlx: MA 62966	295 rooms
2. Merlin Melaka Jalan Munshi Abdullah, 75100 Melaka.	\$60 - \$200	06-240777 Tlx: MA 62995	240 rooms
3. Ashoka Hotel Jalan Munshi Abdullah, Melaka, 75100 Melaka.	\$45 - \$60	06-240888 Tlx: MA 62426	142 rooms
4. Midtown Hotel Jalan Tun Sri Lanang, 75100 Melaka.	\$68 - \$78	06-240088 Tlx: MA 62994	63 rooms
5. Palace Hotel 201, Jalan Munshi Abdullah, 75100 Melaka.	\$37 - \$40	06-225115 225355	48 rooms
6. Wisma Hotel 114A, Jalan Munshi Abdullah, 75100 Melaka.	\$28 - \$48	06-228012 228311	39 rooms
7. The City Bayview Jalan Bendahara 75750 Melaka	\$60 - \$133	06-239888 Tlx: MA 62420	182 rooms
8. Regal Hotel 66, Jalan Munshi Abdullah, 75100 Melaka.	\$32 - \$37	06-222433	31 rooms
9. Sentosa Hotel Melaka Jalan Tun Perak, 75300 Melaka.	\$27 - \$45	06-228222	30 rooms
10. Tan Kim Hock Hotel, Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho. 75000 Melaka.	\$43 - \$48	06-235322 06-235323	40 rooms
11. Lotus Inn Jalan Semabok, 75050 Melaka.	\$30 - \$37	06-227011	27 rooms

## RESORTS

Name and Address	Rates	Telephone	No of Rooms
1. Malacca Village Resort Air Keroh, Melaka.	\$120 - \$800	06-323600 (5 lines) Tlx: MA 62854	147 chalets

## (e) Western Food

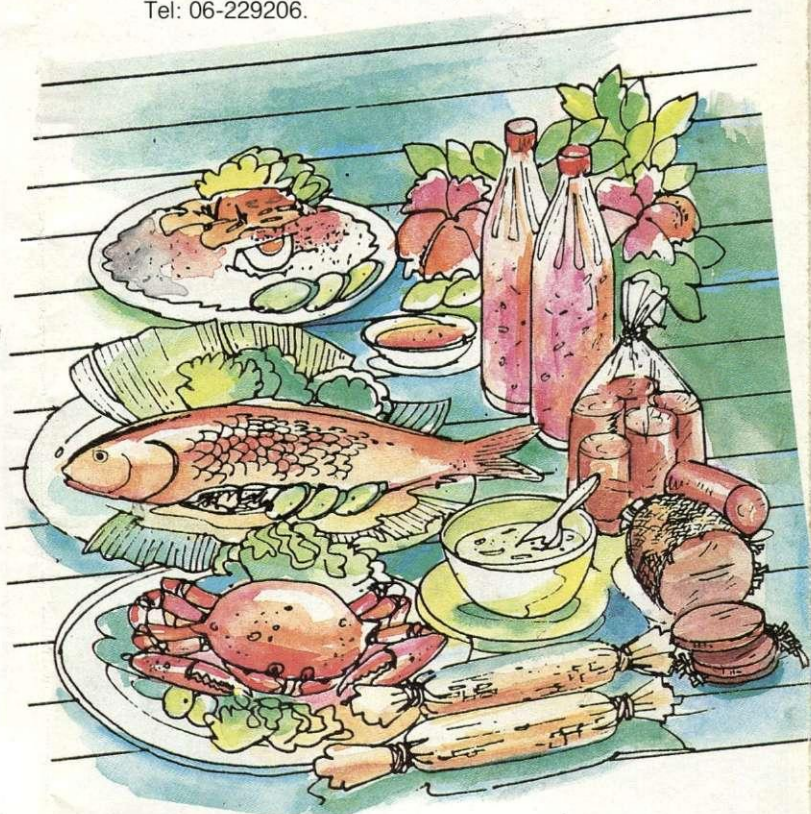
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Tel: 06-323600.
4. Garden Cafe, Plaza Inn, Jalan Munshi Abdullah,  
Tel: 06-227959.

## (f) Japanese Food

1. Kiraku, Melaka Village Resort, Ayer Keroh. Tel: 06-323600.

## (g) Indian Food

1. Banana Leaf Restaurant, Jalan Munshi Abdullah.
2. Sri Lakshmi Villas Restaurant, 2, Jalan Bendahara,  
Tel: 06-224926.
3. Sri Krishna Bavan Restaurant, 4, Jalan Bendahara,  
Tel: 06-229206.



For further information please contact:

**Tourist Development Corporation Malaysia,**  
26th Floor, Menara Dato Onn, Putra World  
Trade Centre, Jalan Tun Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur.  
Tel: 03-2935188. Telex: MTDC KL MA 30093

**Melaka Tourist Information Centre,**  
Jalan Kota, Melaka. Tel: 06-236538  
Telex: SEDMA MA 62829

**Melaka State Development Corporation**  
Bangunan Dewan Negeri Melaka, Peti Surat 221,  
75740 Melaka. Tel: 06-220643. Telex: SEDMA MA 62829  
Cable: PERKEMA.

Other important tel. nos:-  
Immigration Department  
Airport Flight Information  
MAS

Tel: 06-224958  
Tel: 06-222648  
Tel: 06-235722/3/4



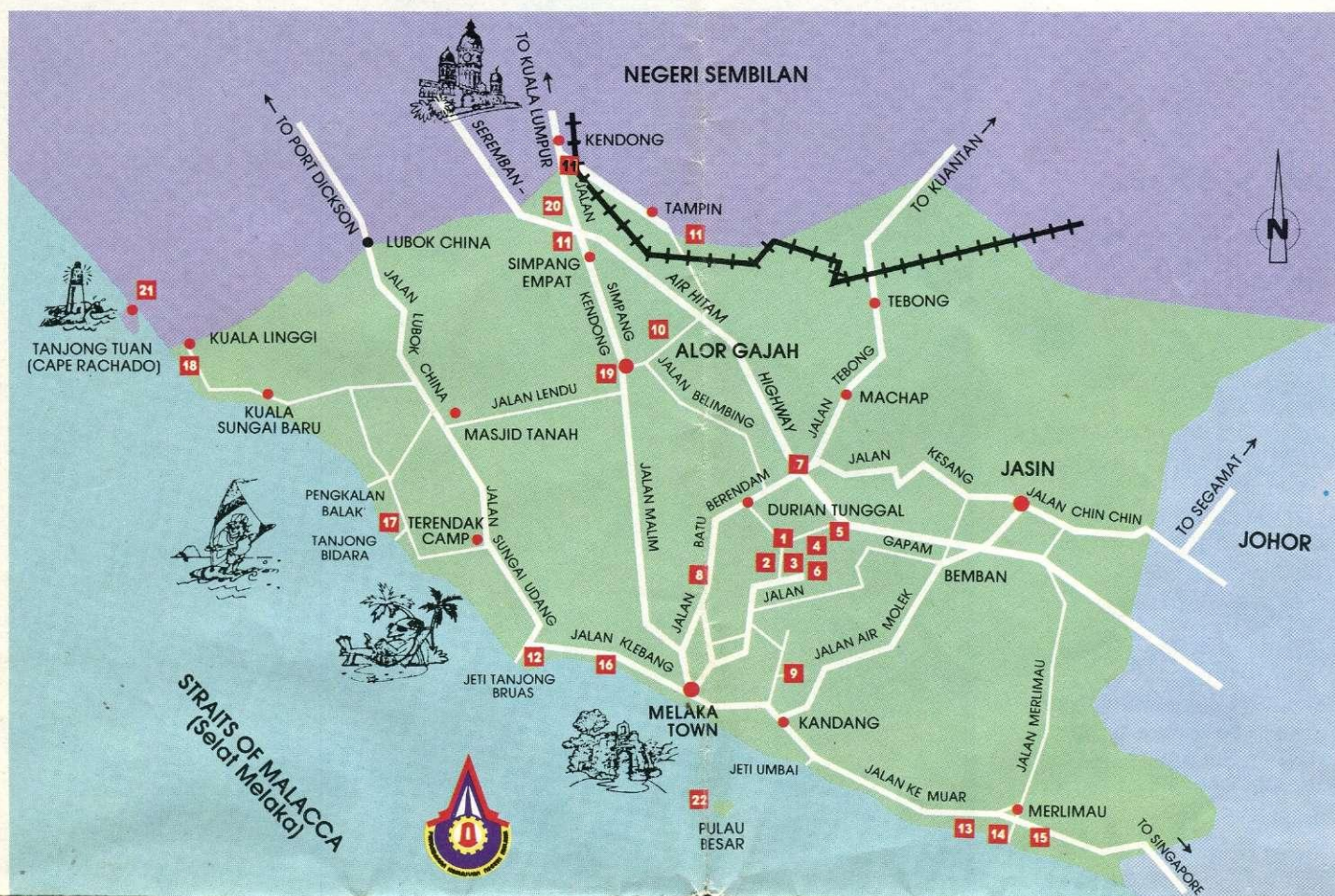
# OTHER ATTRACTIONS

## 1 Malaysia-In-Miniature

Step into Mini Malaysia and experience the rich Malaysian arts and culture, a heritage moulded by its diverse races, rivaled by few in this part of the world. See the thirteen types of attractively crafted Malaysian traditional state houses, each with a most delightful architecture and design. These houses also contain works of art and culture that are still very much alive. Colourful cultural shows and traditional games staged in the open should prove intriguing. Other facilities for visitors include chalets, motels and outdoor games and activities.



Mini Malaysia





## **2 Ayer Keroh Recreational Forest**

Set amidst a splendid green environment about 11 kilometers from town, one can view rich, untouched tropical forests with more species than you can ever imagine. The trees are labelled. Away from the hassles of downtown Melaka here you can indulge in refreshing activities like trekking, camping, picnicking, staying in houses on tree-tops and also take advantage of the available barbeque facilities and children's playground. Huts and cabins are available for rentals. Truly, a must for all nature lovers.



## **3 Melaka Zoo**

Rated the best zoo among Southern States for its wild and domestic animals in their natural surroundings and habitats. Recreational facilities are provided for families.

## **4 Ayer Keroh Lake**

This scenic lake will excite you with various water sport recreations like boating, canoeing, coupled with refreshment kiosks and children's playground – perfect hideout for families.

## **5 Ayer Keroh Country Club**

This Country Club is about 14 km from the town. One of Asia's best 18-hole golf courses with a most challenging terrain, bounded by lakes and rain forests.

## **6 Malacca Village Resort (Hotel)**

## **7 Durian Tunggal Recreational Lake**

This water spot is about 16 km from the town, with water recreation. Facilities include boating, fishing, jogging paths, camping area, windsurfing, merry-go-round, ferry, refreshment kiosk and children's playground.

## **8 Batu Berendam Airport**

## **9 Hang Tuah's Well**

This is a sacred well, believed to be the abode of Hang Tuah's soul which takes the form of a white crocodile; only holy people stand a chance to see the crocodile. Apparently the water has medicinal values and power to give good luck to those who drink it. Whenever you are on your way down to Muar, drop by at Kampong Duyong 4 kms from Melaka town, where the well is located.

## **10 Gadek Hot Spring**

The Gadek Hot Spring is a popular spot, located along the route to Tampin, about 25 km from Melaka town. The sulphur water is believed to possess curative elements for a number of skin diseases. Handicraft shops and beautiful playgrounds make this spot a perfect outing for your family.

## **11 Megalithic Stones**

There are over 90 separate sites and are mostly found in Alor Gajah and on the road to Tampin. These components form part of a large cluster which spreads into Negeri Sembilan. Existed centuries ago.

## **12 Hang Tuah's Mausoleum**

Hang Tuah, the famous Malay warrior during the reign of Sultan Mansor Shah was buried in this mausoleum in Tg. Kling which is 15 km from town.

## **13 Serkam Grilled Fish Spot**

Savour this sizzling dish of fresh grilled fish with an assortment of local dishes at Serkam located about 10 km from Melaka town. You'll not regret the distance you travelled to taste this exotic dish.

## **14 Tun Teja's Mausoleum**

Situated about 24 km from Melaka in Merlimau, this is the grave of Tun Teja, the daughter of Bendahara Sri Amar Di Raja Pahang. She was specially taken to Melaka by Hang Tuah to marry Sultan Mahmud Shah. She died in Merlimau while retreating with the Sultan from the Portuguese attack.

## **15 Melaka Traditional House**

This colourful intricate wood carving house was built in the 19th century by a Chieftain. It's the only one of its kind in this zone. Situated 5 km from Merlimau Town on your way to Muar.



## **16 Shah's Beach Resort (Hotel)**

## **17 Tanjong Bidara Beach Resort (Hotel)**

## **18 Dutch Fort**

This Dutch Fort is located at Kuala Linggi 49 km from Melaka town on your way to Port Dickson.

## **19 British Graveyard**

This graveyard for British officers is located in Alor Gajah town and they were buried there during the Naning War.

## **20 Dol Said's Grave**

Dato Dol Said, the brave Chieftain of the Naning War against the British in 1931 was buried here at Taboh Naning about 32 km from Melaka town.

## **21 Cape Rachado**

This enclave is in Negeri Sembilan and 57 km from Melaka. The headland forest forms an important guideline for migratory birds like sparrows, hawks, honey buzzards, eagles and swifts. In September/October and again March/April large concentration of hawks and eagles can be seen. There is also a blue lagoon which has interesting marine life and a beautiful beach. The light-house towers the cape with its panoramic view.

## **22 Pulau Besar**

Pulau Besar is located in the Straits of Malacca which is 13 nautical miles off the mainland of Umbai Jetty and 10 nautical miles from Melaka Port. The sandy beaches provide ample opportunities for swimming, fishing, picnicking, camping and snorkelling. This island will be turned into a beautiful resort in the very near future.

*All information contained herein is correct at the time of printing. While every care is taken in the preparation of this Guide, TDCM cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracy or omission that may occur.*

**TRAFFICKING IN ILLEGAL DRUGS  
CARRIES THE DEATH PENALTY**



# MELAKA-

## IMPORTANT PLACES

- A** Melaka State Development Corporation. Tel: 220643
- B** Melaka Tourist Information centre. Tel: 225895
- C** Immigration Department. Tel: 224958
- D** Melaka Central Police Station. Tel: 222222
- E** General Post Office. Tel: 233846
- F** Malaysian Airline System Office. Tel: 235722
- G** Express Bus Terminal.
- H** Melaka Bus Terminal.
- I** Taxi Station. Tel: 223630
- J** Melaka Government Offices (Seri Negeri). Tel: 223299
- K** Melaka Public Library Corporation. Tel: 227178
- L** Telecoms Department. Tel: 239492
- M** Customs Department. Tel: 228355
- N** Melaka Tourist Police Station. Tel: 222222 ext. 148

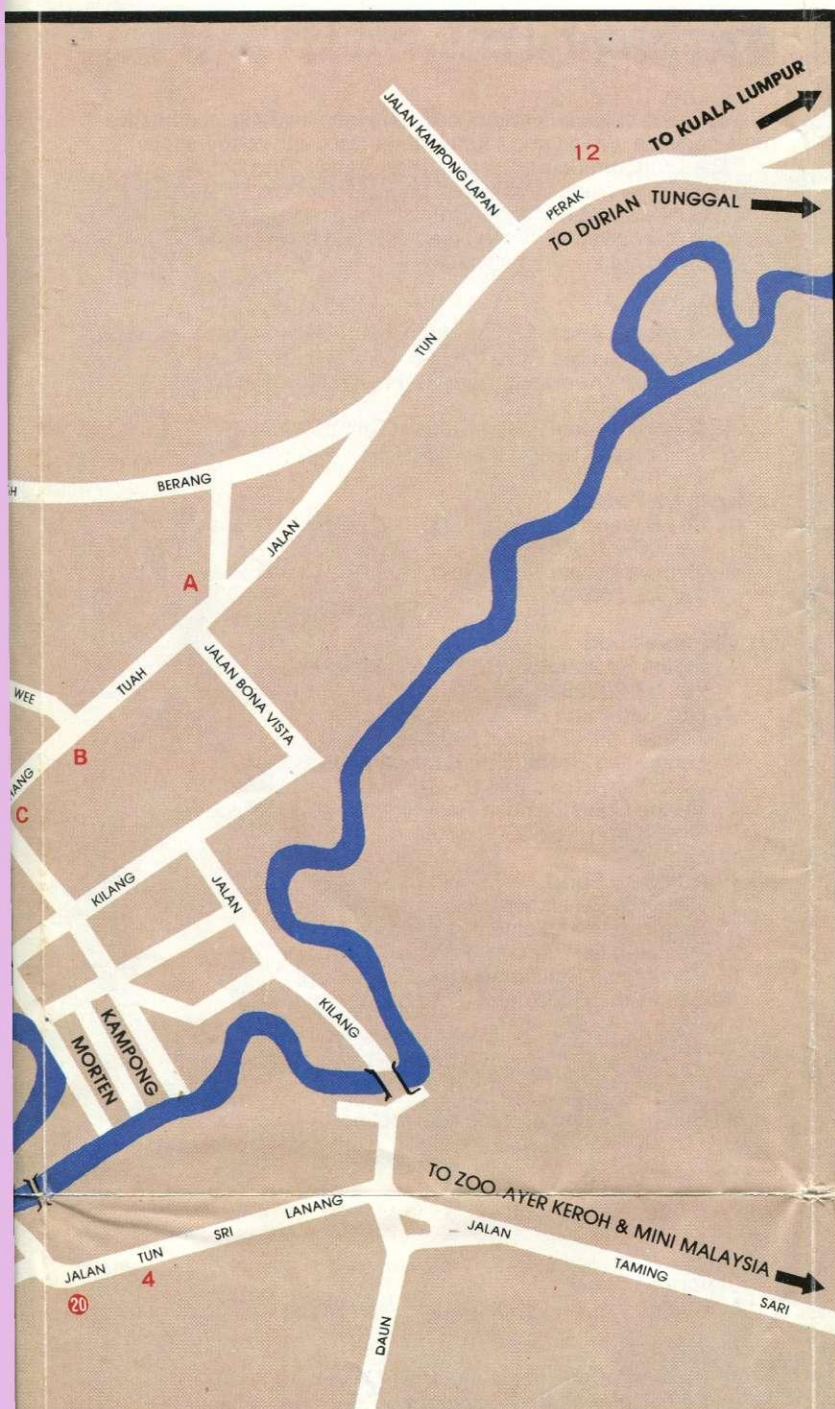
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- A** Kwong Yik Bank Berhad
- B** Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Berhad
- C** Bank Rakyat
- D** Malayan Banking Berhad
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- F** United Malayan Banking Corporation





# A-Where it all



## PLACES OF INTEREST

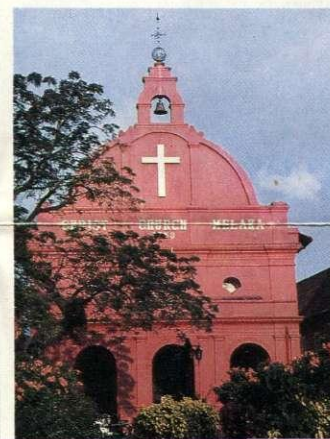
### 1 The Stadthuys



Situated in the Dutch square are solid testimonies to Dutch masonry and woodwork skills, with heavy, hard wooden doors, thick masonry walls and wrought-iron hinges.

The Stadthuys, believed to have been completed in 1650, once housed the Dutch Governors and their retinue. Only one room still has the original wooden floral ceiling of the 17th century. The Stadthuys now houses Malacca Historical Museum with the authentic relics of the Portuguese, the Dutch and also the traditional bridal costumes of the Chinese and Malays which are on display.

### 2 Christ Church



### 4 St. Paul's Church



St. Paul's Church was built by the Portuguese in 1521. It was known as Duarte Coelho, the leading prayer house for Catholics at that time.

The Dutch renamed the church 'St. Paul's' and eventually made the church an extension of the fortress. Evidence of gun embrasures with holes for gun-recoilers in the roof, can still be seen today.

When the Dutch completed the Christ Church in the red-painted Dutch Square in 1753, they made St. Paul's Hill into a burial ground for their noble dead. One can see huge tombstones measuring 8' high and 3½' wide; also tombstones with Latin and Portuguese inscriptions.

The open grave inside St. Paul's is where St. Francis Xavier was once buried in 1553, before his body was moved to Goa in India.

### 5 A Formosa (Porta De Santiago)





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tapes, films, minutes of meetings, news scripts and others all relating to the Independence struggle.

### 9 Antiques



Jalan Hang Jebat or formerly known as Jonker Street is the place you should visit if you love antiques. Jalan Hang Jebat is known throughout the world by some of the best antique collectors. Authentic artifacts dating back nearly 300 years can be found in many shops here, and can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

### 10 The Baba Nyonya Heritage



### 13 Cheng Hoon Teng Temple



This temple is the oldest Chinese temple in Malaysia, founded in 1646. It covers an area of 4,600 sq.m. The eaves of the temple are decorated with figures of Mythology and animation made out of broken glass and porcelain. These figures glitter and sparkle in the sun.

The wood carvings and lacquer work inside the temple are a sight to behold.

The main altar houses the "Goddess of Mercy" and on the left altar is the "Queen of Heaven" the special guardian of fishermen and voyagers of the high seas.

The railings above the altars, depict the life of Buddha. Outside is the courtyard where one can see the "Three Doctrinal Systems" of Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism, beautifully blended.

All of the materials used to build this temple came from China.

### 14 Kampong Kling Mosque



They saved the life of Bendahara Paduka Raja Prime Minister of the Sultan Shah. As a reward they were made attendants at court. All of them pledged lifelong service to the ruler. A few years later Hang Jebat was killed by his close friend Hang Tuah for betraying the ruler.

Hang Jebat's grave is in Jalan Kampung Kuli and the grave of the other friend Hang Kasturi is in Jalan Hang Jebat.

### 17 Hang Li Poh's Well (Sultan's Well)



This well found at the foot of Bukit China was used by the Princess daily. It is believed that the water has attained purity and whoever drinks from it will return to Malacca at least once more during his lifetime.

The well dates back to 1409 and was constructed by the followers of Princess Hang Li Poh.

The well was enclosed with stout walls by the Dutch in 1677 after they conquered Malacca. The well itself in days of old was the main source of water for much of the town and during draughts has never dried up. Today the well has been converted into a wishing well and

### 20 St. Peter's Church



Built in 1710 by the Portuguese and comprising an architectural mix between the Oriental and Occidental, this is the only church in Malaysia which contains the lifesize alabaster statue of The Dead Lord Before The Resurrection. The interior is unique in Iberian design with several corinthian pillars supporting the curved ceiling above the aisle.

### 21 St John's Fort



St. John's Fort built on St. John's Hill (3 km from town) was constructed by the Dutch, during the third quarter of the eighteenth century but was once a private Portuguese chapel dedicated to St. John the Baptist. It is interesting to note that the gun embrasures of the fort face inland and not



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- K** Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
- L** Perwira Habib Bank Malaysia Berhad
- M** United Asian Bank Berhad
- N** Money Changer
- O** Malaysian French Bank Berhad.

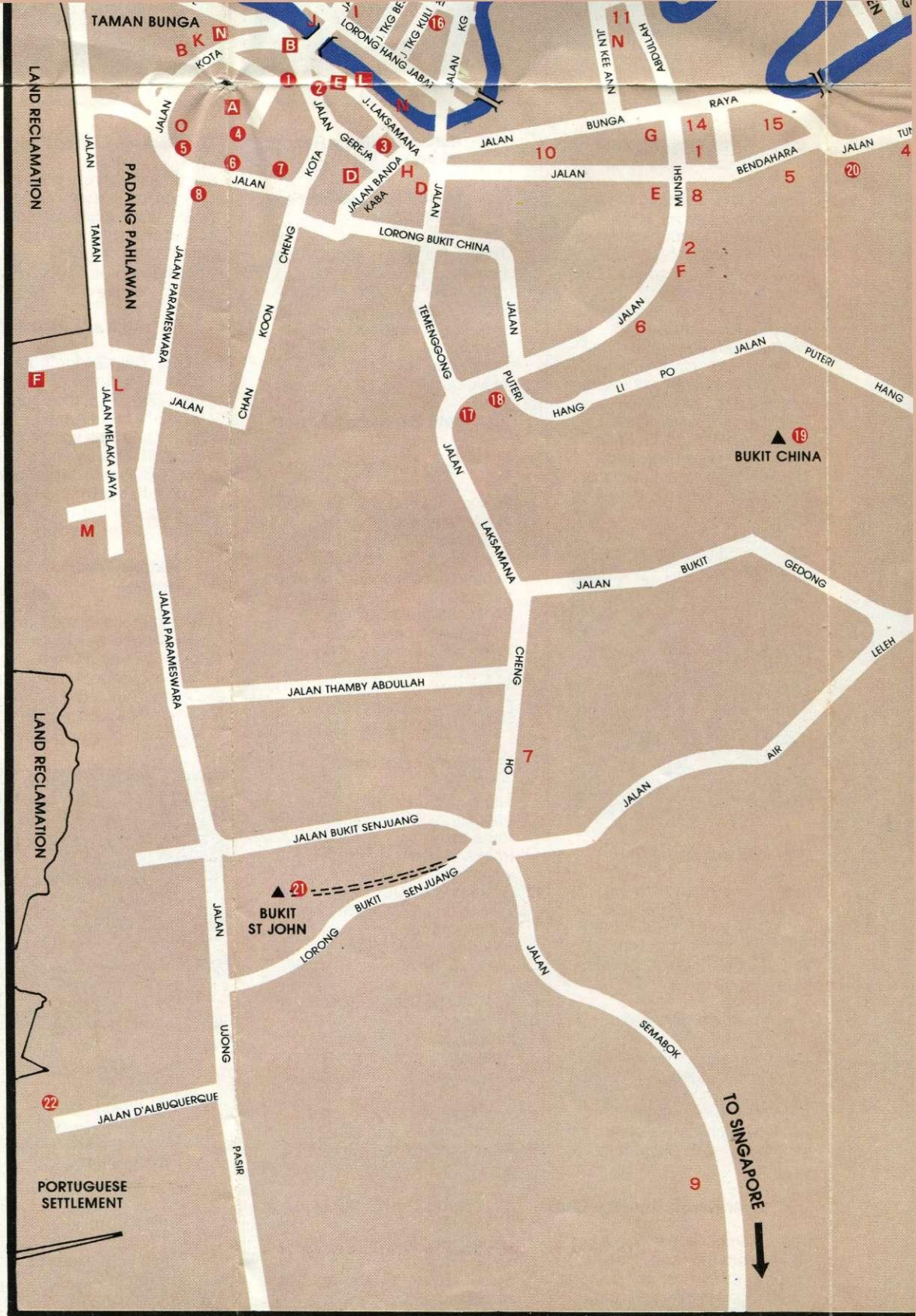
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- 3.** Plaza Inn
- 4.** Midtown Hotel
- 5.** The City Bayview Hotel
- 6.** Palace Hotel
- 7.** Tan Kim Hock Hotel
- 8.** Wisma Hotel
- 9.** Lotus Inn
- 10.** Valiant Hotel
- 11.** Regal Hotel
- 12.** Sentosa Hotel
- 13.** Sri Kota Hotel
- 14.** Ng Fook Hotel
- 15.** Majestic Hotel

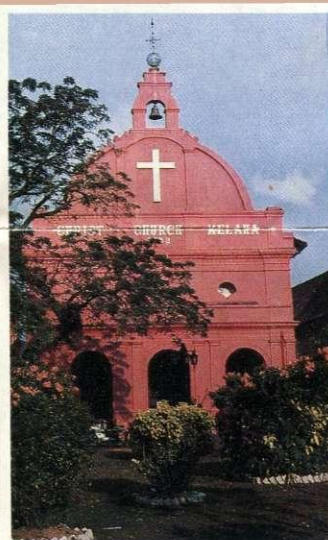
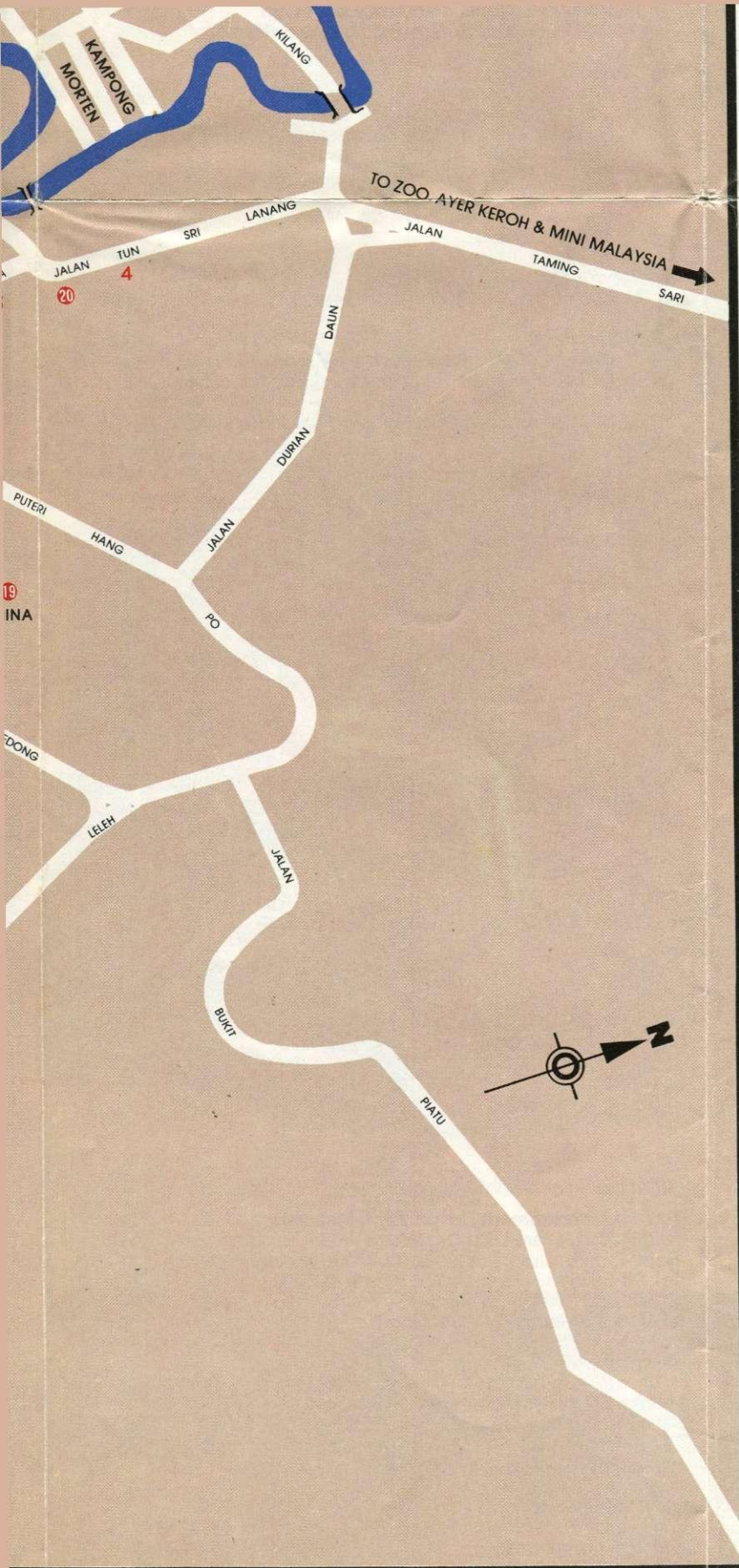
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This is an exquisite piece of Dutch architecture, completed in 1753.

The length is 82 ft, width-40 ft and height-42 ft. The ceiling beams were each cut from one single tree and have no joints at all. The handmade pews are the originals dating back over 200 years. Over the altar you can see a beautiful frieze of the "Last Supper" in glazed tiles.

The Brass Bible rest dates back to 1773 and in the centre is inscribed the first verse of St. John.

On the church floor you can even find tombstones in Armenian Script.

### 3 St. Francis Xavier's Church



This twin-Gothic towered Church was built in 1849 by a French Father, Rev. Farve on the location of the former Portuguese Church. It is dedicated to St. Francis Xavier known as the 'Apostle of the East', who spread Catholicism in South East Asia during the 16th century.

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### 5 A Formosa (Porta De Santiago)



This gateway is the remaining ruin of the once strong fortress built by the Portuguese in 1511 known as A Famosa. During the Dutch attack the fortress was badly damaged and had to be repaired. The Dutch repaired it in 1670 and renamed this great fortress "Voc" with the crest above the gateway which can be seen till this day. Had it not been for Sir Stamford Raffle's intervention in 1810, the gateway would not exist today

### 6 Malacca Sultanate Palace

This wooden replica of the Sultanate's Palace is situated at the foot of St. Paul's hill. The architectural design of the palace is based on the description of 'Malay Annals' or 'Sejarah Melayu' and is one of its kind in Malaysia. The palace now houses the Malacca Cultural Museum.

### 7 The Dutch Graveyard

### 8 Proclamation of Independence Memorial



This Memorial Hall built in 1912 was formerly known as Malacca Club. Today it houses pictures that portray events leading to the attainment of Malaysia's Independence and the struggle and efforts of leaders like Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Malaysia's first Prime Minister.

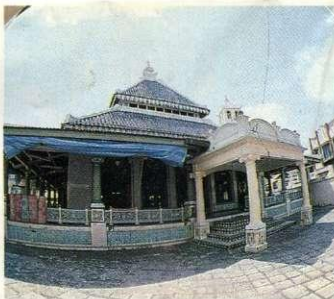
Visitors can also view a wide range of exhibits which include historical documents, maps, treaties, video





'This is the first private museum (managed by the Straits-born Chinese known as the 'Peranakan') where artifacts of the heritage are on display for the public. The homes which are turned into museums have neo-classical European architecture characterised by Greco-Roman columns. Floral and pictorial motifs grace parts of the front of the house whilst the interior is adorned with intricately carved fittings finished in gold leaf.

#### 14 Kampong Kling Mosque



It's one of the oldest mosques with Sumatran architecture. It has a three tiered roof rising like a pyramid and a beautiful carved wooden ceiling. Beside it is an odd minaret structured like a Pagoda. This indicates the architectural mixture of East and West.

#### 11 Hang Kasturi's Mausoleum



Hang Kasturi is another friend of Hang Tuah who had served the Sultan. However after the death of Hang Jebat, little is known about him. Today his grave can still be seen at Jalan Hang Jebat, formerly known as Jonker Street.

#### 15 Sri Poyyatha Vinayagar Moorthi Temple



This Indian temple is one of the oldest in Malaysia. It was built in the early 19th century on land given by the Dutch.

#### 12 Kampong Hulu Mosque



This mosque is the oldest in Malaysia. It was built in 1728 by Dato Shamsuddin. The unique architectural style of this mosque can only be found in Malacca.

#### 16 Hang Jebat's Mausoleum



Hang Jebat along with four of his closest friends took lessons in the Malay art of self defence, until they had perfected every movement.

The well was enclosed with stout walls by the Dutch in 1677 after they conquered Malacca. The well itself in days of old was the main source of water for much of the town and during draughts has never dried up. Today the well has been converted into a wishing well and the belief is anyone who throws a coin into the well will return to Malacca.

#### 18 Sam Po Kong Temple

This temple was dedicated to Admiral Cheng Ho when he visited Malacca in 1409. It is situated just beside the Sultan's well. It was said that in one of his trips from China to Malacca, Admiral Cheng Ho's Ship was almost wrecked as there was a hole in the keel. However his ship was saved from sinking by a fish known as 'Sam Po' hanging itself to the hole.

#### 19 Bukit China



In 1459 following visits to Malacca by the famous Ming Admiral Cheng Ho, the Emperor of China gave Parameswara, the first Ruler of Malacca, official Chinese protection. Later in the 1459 the Emperor sent his daughter Princess Hang Li Poh to marry the reigning Sultan Mansur Shah. Her entourage consisted of 500 ladies-in-waiting and the Sultan gave them Bukit China or Chinese Hill for their residence. The Portuguese during their occupation of Malacca built a Franciscan Monastery and also a Chapel dedicated to 'Madre de Deus' (Mother of God) on top of this hill. However both the Monastery and the chapel were completely destroyed by the Achinese in 1629 when they attacked the Dutch. Today Bukit China rests in peace as the largest Chinese cemetery outside China (12,000 graves) taking up 25 hectares with many of the tombs dating back to Ming times.

Hill (3 km from town) was constructed by the Dutch, during the third quarter of the eighteenth century but was once a private Portuguese chapel dedicated to St. John the Baptist. It is interesting to note that the gun embrasures of the fort face inland and not towards the sea as regular attacks came from hinterland and not from the sea as it used to be.

#### 22 Portuguese Square



This square is located approximately 3 kilometers in the Portuguese Settlement where the Portuguese descendants live in a close-knit family. The architectural design of the square resembles that of Lisbon. Besides authentic Portuguese dishes, local cultural shows like the Portuguese, Malay, Chinese and Indian dances, are performed every Saturday night for public viewing.

#### 23 The Tranquerah Mosque



Architecturally this mosque is unique, instead of minarets a pagoda has been built in its place, the mosque itself is somewhat pyramid-shaped instead of dome-shaped as in Moorish type mosques.

Here then is evidence that Islam has had a place of honour in Malacca for more than 600 years.

Within the grounds of this mosque lies the tomb of Sultan Hussain of Johore who signed the cession of Singapore to Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819.